



HOLE FOOD RESCUE

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

February Newsletter

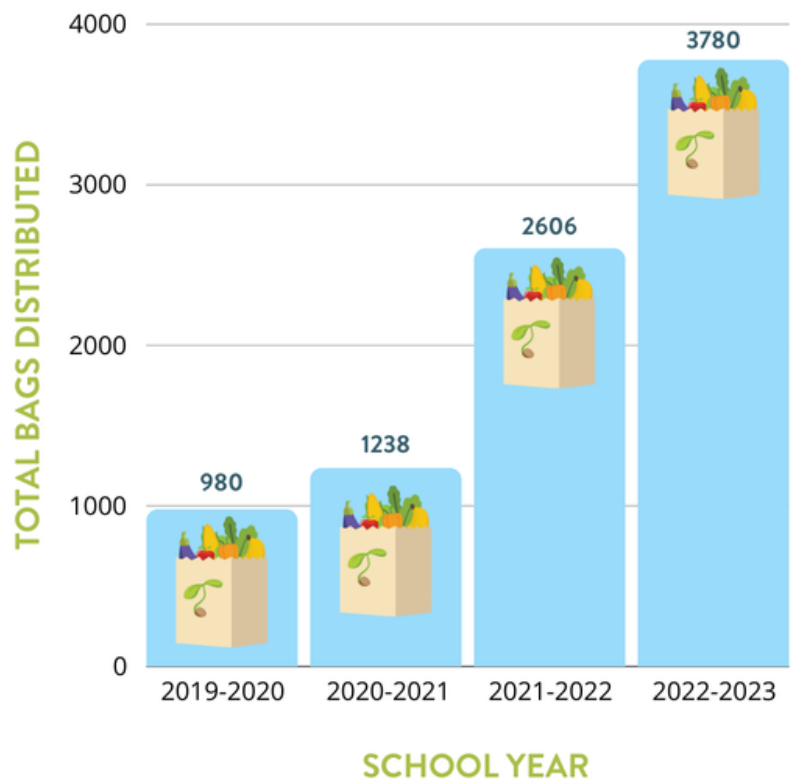
Program Growth: Weekend Food Bags

Food costs have risen 5.66% since 2022 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics). This significant increase outpaced the overall inflation of 4.12%, putting an immense pinch on families' wallets around the country, but more so in expensive resort towns like ours. The Weekend Food Bag (WFB) program helps to reduce financial strain for hard-working families in a manner that is convenient and accessible. Families that enroll receive free groceries to ensure their children have enough healthy food over the weekend. This program runs throughout the school year, but families can opt in or out at any time. Bags include an assortment of items like fresh fruits and vegetables, healthy snacks, and easy-to-make meals, both purchased and rescued from our daily rescues. To increase accessibility, bags can be received at school, home-delivered, or collected from the HFR Hub. This program aims to alleviate financial pressures at home and ensure that children have access to nutritious meals, bolstering their well-being and academic performance.

"It's incredible. Such a huge help for single parents or low-income families." - WFB Family

The accompanying graph shows the growth of the Weekend Food Bag program since it launched in 2020. At Hole Food Rescue, we understand that eradicating child hunger is a complex aspiration, one that free food distribution will not solve by itself as it does not address the root causes of hunger. However, as long as there are families seeking assistance, this program will remain a reliable ally dedicated to supporting their journey.

To support the First Lady of Wyoming's Beef for Backpack program, we collaborated with Mead and Walton Ranch to have two cattle donated by these generous local ranchers. After the cattle were processed, HFR received 5000 beef jerky sticks. Thanks to everyone involved, children will receive locally sourced meat snacks every week in their food bags



[Fill a Bag](#)

Volunteers of the Month: Middle Schoolers

Thank you to all the dedicated middle schoolers packing grocery bags for Weekend Food Bag families this school year!

Questions about how to volunteer for this program or sign up to receive a bag? Email Iván at ivan@holefoodrescue.org



Upcoming Event: Jackson Hole Food and Wine Winter Fest



JACKSON HOLE FOOD & WINE
WINTER FEST
MARCH 7-9, 2024

Hole Food Rescue is honored to be the beneficiary of Jackson Hole Food & Wine's 6th annual Winter Fest. The weekend will celebrate beloved local Jackson Hole chefs and restaurants, guest chefs, winemakers, caviar and beverage experts, artisans, and more with five events based in Teton Village.

Big names you can expect to see: Chef Stuart Brioza, Chef Nicole Krasinski, Markus Draxler, Chris Tanghe, Matt and Sara Lickliger, Chef Steven DeBruyn, and Wyoming Whiskey.

When you purchase a ticket to one of the weekend's many events, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to help fund HFR's mission and programs. Tickets are limited and going fast, so secure yours today! Visit jhfoodandwine.com to purchase tickets and learn more about the events. We hope to see you there!

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Cast Your Votes to Support Hole Food Rescue

**Help support us
with Target Circle.**

Vote by March 31.



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Hole Food Rescue is honored to participate with Target Circle from January 1st to March 31st. With each purchase, you earn votes (and rewards!) that you can use to support Hole Food Rescue. The more votes we accumulate over the next three months, the more Target will donate to support our work. Please remember to cast your available votes for HFR on the Target App or the [website](#).

WHAT WE ARE READING TO THIS MONTH:



Why is it important?

Teton County School District #1 estimates that 20% of children in our community would benefit from reliable food assistance. A USDA food assistance initiative was recently turned down by the state of Wyoming, making the work of organizations like Hole Food Rescue that much more essential in ensuring our youth is adequately nourished.



Where can you find it?

Read it [here](#)

Recommended by: HFR Team Member, Hannah

Read the article [here](#), and let us know what you think.



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